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SUBJECT: PLO'S ZUYAYR MUHSIN IN KUWAIT, NUMEIRI COMING

1. CHIEF OF PLO MILITARY DEPARTMENT AND SAIQA LEADEJ, ZUHAYR MUHSIN, ARRIVED IN KUWAIT MAY 27 FOR VISIT OF SEVERAL DAYS. HE HAS CALLED ON AMIR, HEIR APPARENT/PRI MIN AND DEP PRI MIN/FON MIN. THE VISIT REPORTEDLY WAS AT THE INVITATION OF THE LASZ. IN TALKS WITH NEWSMEN HERE, MUHSIN IS REPORTED AS STATING THE FOLLOWING:

A. SOUTH LEBANON. PALESTINIAN ATTACKS ON ISRAELI FORCES IN SOUTH LEBANON MAY RESUME UNLESS ISRAEW WITHDRAWS JUNE 13 AS PROMISED. INTRA-PALESTINIAN OPPOSITION TO THE PLO'S UNDERTAKING TO AVOID MILITARY ACTIVITY IN SOUTH LEBANON IS "FAR FROM SERIOUS." ONE OF THE PALESTINIAN LEADERS WHO HAS OBJECTED TO THIS UNDERTAKING HAD PARTICIPATED IN MEETINGS WITH LEBANESE OFFICIALS AND HAD THEN ACCEPTED IT.

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THE LEBANESE STILL HAVE NOT LEARNED TO AVOID INVITING "FOREIGN ELEMENTS" TO INTERVENE IN THEIR COUNTRY, WHICH HAS CONSIDERABLY FACILITATED THE EFFORTS OF SUCH ELEMENTS TO KEEP LEBANON IN TURMOIL. IN RECENT TIMES, THIS HAS SERVED THE INTERESTS OF THOSE WHO WISH TO "CREATE DOUBT AMONG THE ARAB MASSES" ABOUT THE EFFICACY OF THE STEADFASTNESS FRONT (TO SADAT'S BENEFIT) AND EXHAUST

ARAB STRENGTH IN LEBANON.

B. SADAT. AFTER SIX MONTHS OF SADAT'S "REAPING THE WIND" IN TALKS WITH ISRAELIS, "NO ONE HAS ANY HOPE" FOR THE SADAT INITIATIVE. MANY WISH FOR AN OPPORTUNITY TO PATCH UP ARAB SOLIDARITY BUT "NOTHING WOULD JUSTIFY COOPERATION WITH SADAT...EVEN IF HE ADMITS HIS FAILURE."

C. ARAB MINI SUMMIT. THERE IS NO NEED FOR A MINI SUMMIT, BUT THE PLO WOULD NOT OBJECT TO ATTENDING ONE, PROVIDED SADAT DID NOT ATTEND.

D. NUMEIRI'S ARAB UNITY EFFORT. NUMEIRI'S EFFORTS SHOULD BE CONCENTRATED IN CAIRO, TO EXTRACT FROM SADAT AN ADMISSION THAT THE LATTER HAS EMPLOYED A "MISTAKEN METHOD...FOR THE LAST THREE YEARS." "I DO NOT KNOW WHAT NUMEIRI IS DOING NOR WHAT HAS BEEN OR CAN BE REALIZED."

2. KUWAIT PRESS REPORTS THAT NUMEIRI IS EXPECTED IN KUWAIT ON JUNE 5 AS PART OF A TRIP TO VARIOUS ARAB STATES.

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